

between 1% and 4% to obtain a mixture of bipyramidal and prismatic crystals.

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~~66. The manufacturing process according to claim 65, wherein the maltitol syrup has a maltitol content greater than or equal to 92 %.~~

~~67. The manufacturing process according to claim 65, wherein the maltitol syrup has a maltitol content greater than or equal to 96 %. --~~

REMARKS

The Assignee hereby substitutes without prejudice new claims 65 to 67 for the claims on record.

The Examiner rejected the claims on record under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

It is submitted that none of the documents of the prior art neither describes nor even suggests a process of crystallizing maltitol allowing for the selective obtaining of bipyramidal and/or prismatic crystals.

As a matter of fact, as it will be discussed in detail hereafter, though crystallizing maltitol had been carried out for over 15 years at the time of the invention, up to now, no one had developed a process for the selective crystallization of maltitol in crystals of different shapes.